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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action mailed August 17, 2001, be extended for one month to and including December 17, 2001.

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